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**Cc:** Ostrander, David[Ostrander.David@epa.gov]; Hestmark, Martin[Hestmark.Martin@epa.gov]  
**From:** Mylott, Richard  
**Sent:** Sat 8/15/2015 1:17:49 AM  
**Subject:** Re: ACTION REQUIRED - **Deliberative Process/Ex. 5**

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Rich

Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 14, 2015, at 7:06 PM, "Harrison, Melissa" <Harrison.Melissa@epa.gov> wrote:

Hey Rich-just wanted to make sure you were talking with Matt and you didn't need anything more from me.

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**From:** Ostrander, David  
**Sent:** Friday, August 14, 2015 4:16 PM  
**To:** Mylott, Richard; Harrison, Melissa; Hestmark, Martin  
**Subject:** RE: ACTION REQUIRED - AP Inquiry re: Superfund and the spill

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**From:** Mylott, Richard  
**Sent:** Friday, August 14, 2015 2:14 PM  
**To:** Harrison, Melissa; Hestmark, Martin; Ostrander, David  
**Subject:** RE: ACTION REQUIRED -

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Melissa—I'm working on a shorter version of these

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Rich

**From:** Harrison, Melissa  
**Sent:** Friday, August 14, 2015 2:00 PM  
**To:** Hestmark, Martin; Ostrander, David  
**Cc:** Mylott, Richard  
**Subject:** Re: ACTION REQUIRED -

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**From:** Hestmark, Martin  
**Sent:** Friday, August 14, 2015 2:52 PM  
**To:** Ostrander, David  
**Cc:** Mylott, Richard; Harrison, Melissa  
**Subject:** Fw: ACTION REQUIRED -

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FYI

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**From:** Stavnes, Sandra  
**Sent:** Friday, August 14, 2015 12:43 PM  
**To:** Jenkins, Laura Flynn; McClain-Vanderpool, Lisa  
**Cc:** Card, Joan; McGrath, Shaun; Hestmark, Martin; Piggott, Amelia; Wharton, Steve  
**Subject:** RE: ACTION REQUIRED -

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Lisa

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Sandy

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**From:** Jenkins, Laura Flynn

**Sent:** Thursday, August 13, 2015 2:11 PM

**To:** Stavnes, Sandra

**Subject:** FW: ACTION REQUIRED

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Sandy"

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Thanks,

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**From:** McClain-Vanderpool, Lisa

**Sent:** Thursday, August 13, 2015 2:00 PM

**To:** Jenkins, Laura Flynn

**Subject:** RE: ACTION REQUIRED

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**From:** Jenkins, Laura Flynn  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 13, 2015 1:32 PM  
**To:** McClain-Vanderpool, Lisa  
**Subject:** FW: ACTION REQUIRED -

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Lisa:

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**From:** Jenkins, Laura Flynn  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 13, 2015 11:39 AM  
**To:** Rich Mylott ([Mylott.Richard@epa.gov](mailto:Mylott.Richard@epa.gov)); Lisa McClain-Vanderpool ([Mcclain-Vanderpool.Lisa@epa.gov](mailto:Mcclain-Vanderpool.Lisa@epa.gov))  
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Rich and Lisa:

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Laura

1) Had Gold King Mine been designated a Superfund site, what would have been the chances of the spill happening?

4) Was a preliminary assessment ever completed on the Gold King Mine or for a group of mines including Gold King?

5) It's my understanding that the EPA has said a water treatment plant estimated to cost \$12-\$17m (and \$1M a year to operate) would be able to clean the water in the Animas. Is that correct? And if so, is it the type of expense that Superfund would cover?

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**From:** Thomas, Latosha **On Behalf Of** EOC Public Information

**Sent:** Thursday, August 13, 2015 11:22 AM

**To:** Jenkins, Laura Flynn

**Subject:** Fw:

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Hi All,

Please see note below

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**From:** Thomas, Latosha on behalf of EOC Public Information

**Sent:** Thursday, August 13, 2015 1:17 PM

**To:** EOC Technical Specialist

**Cc:** Gartner, Lois; Wells, Suzanne; Stalcup, Dana

**Subject:** Re: Associated Press Inquiry re: Superfund and the spill

Thanks

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**From:** Dreyfus, Melissa G. on behalf of EOC Technical Specialist

**Sent:** Thursday, August 13, 2015 1:14 PM

**To:** EOC Public Information

**Cc:** Gartner, Lois; Wells, Suzanne; Stalcup, Dana

**Subject:**

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Hello,

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Thanks

Melissa

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**From:** Thomas, Latosha on behalf of EOC Public Information

**Sent:** Thursday, August 13, 2015 12:30 PM

**To:** EOC Technical Specialist

**Subject:** **Deliberative Process/Ex. 5**

Hi,

These are a subset of questions from Associated Press re: Superfund and the spill. Thanks!

1) --had Gold King Mine been designated a Superfund site, what would have been the chances of the spill happening?

2) --how many mines are currently on the National Priorities List? Can we get a list of those or is there a way to search on the Superfund website?

3)--is there a gauge of how often resistance to a Superfund designation by local officials has prevented a site's listing?

4)-was a preliminary assessment ever completed on the Gold King Mine or for a group of mines including Gold King?

5)--it's my understanding that the EPA has said a water treatment plant estimated to cost \$12-\$17m (and \$1M a year to operate) would be able to clean the water in the Animas. Is that correct? And if so, is it the type of expense that Superfund would cover?